

BUFFALO COUNTY ROADS DEPARTMENT

ROAD PROJECT INFORMATION

BRO-74767(1) Poole South; C.N. 42844

Buffalo County is currently soliciting public input on the proposed federal-aid transportation and bridge replacement project in rural Buffalo County. The proposed project would remove and replace the bridge over the South Loup River (structure number C00100492) located outside the Village of Poole on Poole Road, 0.30 miles south of the intersection of Keystone Road.

The project limits on Poole Road begin and/or end approximately 450 feet south and 575 feet north of the bridge ends to accommodate the existing vertical profile for the roadway grading.

The purpose of this project is to build a modern and structurally efficient bridge that will convey traffic over the South Loup River, thereby improving the reliability of the transportation asset and perpetuating the safety and mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the current condition of the existing bridge structure.

The improvements on this project consist of removing structure number C00100492 and replacing it with a new 170-foot, 3-span pre-stressed concrete girder bridge with a 24-foot clear width roadway and adding approaches and grade beams on piles with new guardrail.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.

Impacts to the bridge and river are anticipated. Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated. The proposed bridge design would require a floodplain permit. A temporary contractor access bridge would be required to construct the new bridge and would be removed upon the completion of the project. The temporary contractor access bridge would allow movement of all aquatic life upstream and downstream.

Construction could begin in early 2022 and could be completed by fall 2022. The project would require temporary closure of Poole Road. A designated detour would be required for the duration of construction. The proposed detour route would be along 280th Road to Ravenna Road, to Nebraska Highway 2 (N-2), to Keystone Road, to 340th Road, and is approximately 16 miles long. The project would require both partial and full roadway and bridge closures that would be controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

The public is encouraged to make suggestions and express concerns regarding the proposed project. Comments will be collected through November 23, 2020 and should be submitted to the address below.

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Information regarding the proposed project will be made available at buffalocounty.ne.gov. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above.